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In re application of:

SKEIKY et al.

Application No.: 09/688,672

Filed: October 10, 2000

For: FUSION PROTEINS OF  
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed May 13, 2004, please enter the amendments, remarks, and this timely filed Request for Continued Examination under C.F.R. 1.114. A one month extension of time from May 20, 2004, to June 20, 2004, is also hereby requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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